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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Current Intelligence

SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation of Mission 0014, Flown
on 8 January 1964

1. This is the third in a series of missions designed to provide photographic coverage of South Vietnam's border with Laos and Cambodia. There were no significant items of immediate intelligence value reported. This mission was approximately 60% cloud free.

2. One possible tank and several other vehicles were observed moving on Route 12 in south-central Laos. The identification of the object on Route 12 as a tank is based on general size and shape and must be considered extremely tenuous. These vehicles were observed about 30 miles from the Route 8-A area where Pathet Lao forces have been exerting pressure against right-wing and neutralist positions. There are collateral reports that three Vietnamese tanks were in this area between 5 and 7 January. If the object photographed is, in fact, a tank, we think that it is a PT-76 tank--a type previously reported in Laos in late 1961. At that time forty-five PT-76's were turned over to the Neutralist forces by the North Vietnamese. Subsequently, several were captured by Pathet Lao forces. The light weight and amphibious capability of these tanks makes them suitable for the Laotian terrain.

3. Seventeen known or suspect infiltration areas, seven border areas, two troop concentration areas, three suspect military areas and one suspect staging area--all photographed on the first two missions of this series--were photographed again with no trace of any Viet Cong activity.

4. Several fortified military camps, one in Cambodia and the others in the Western part of the Mekong delta in South Vietnam, as well as numerous strong points and border control points were observed all along the border. We do not have sufficient information at this time to determine who controls these points.

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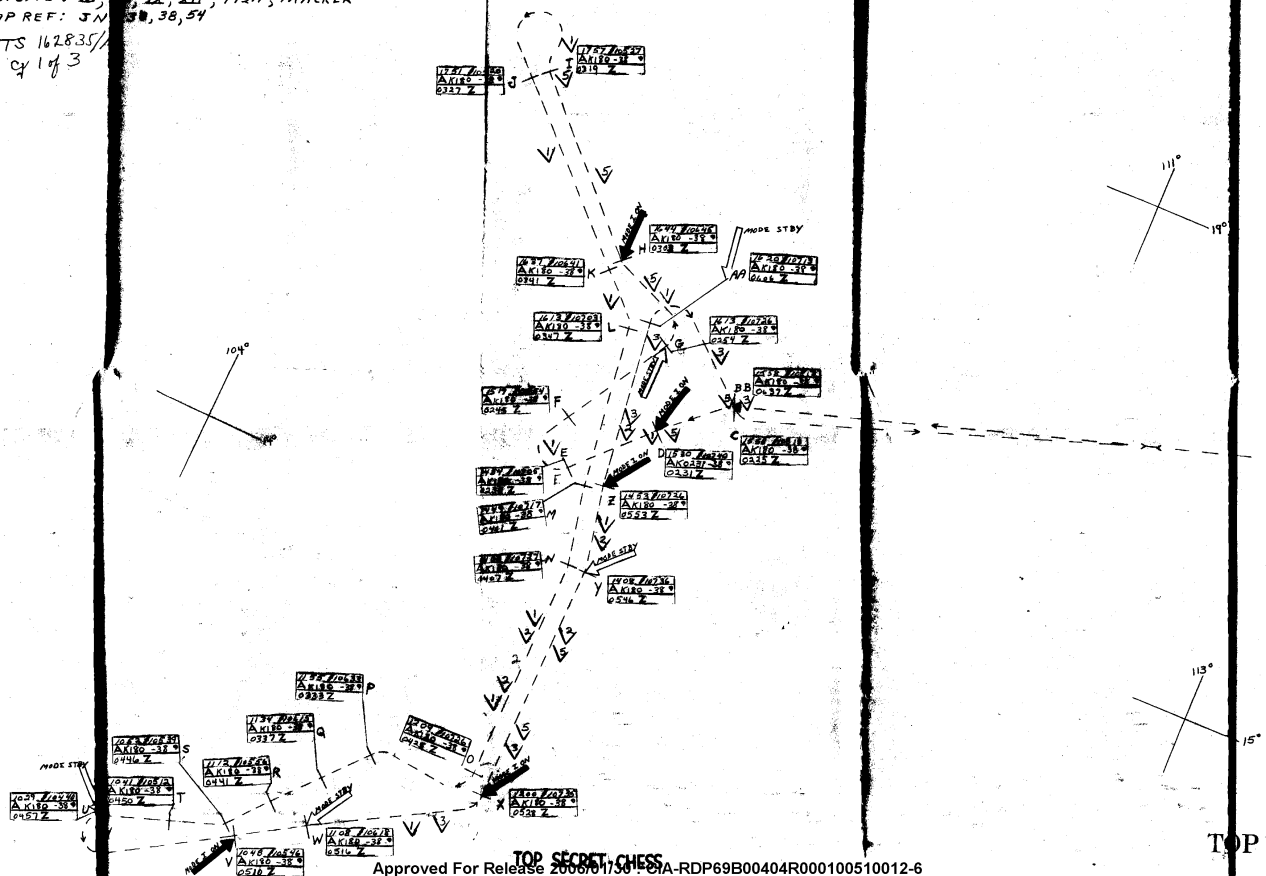
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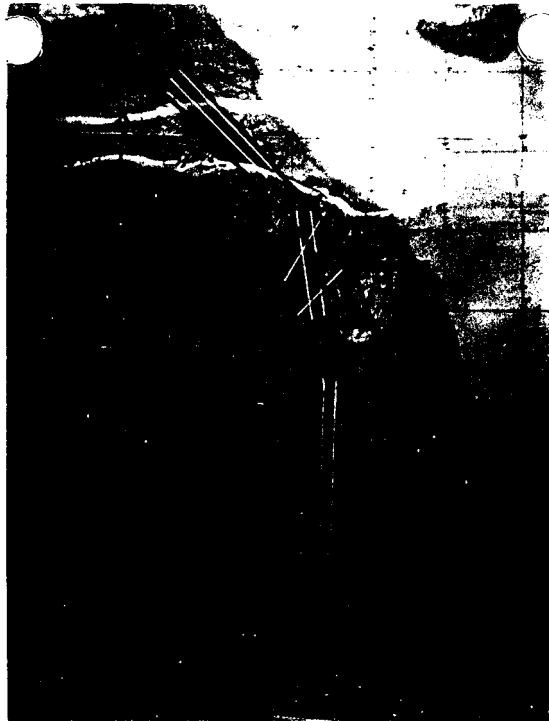
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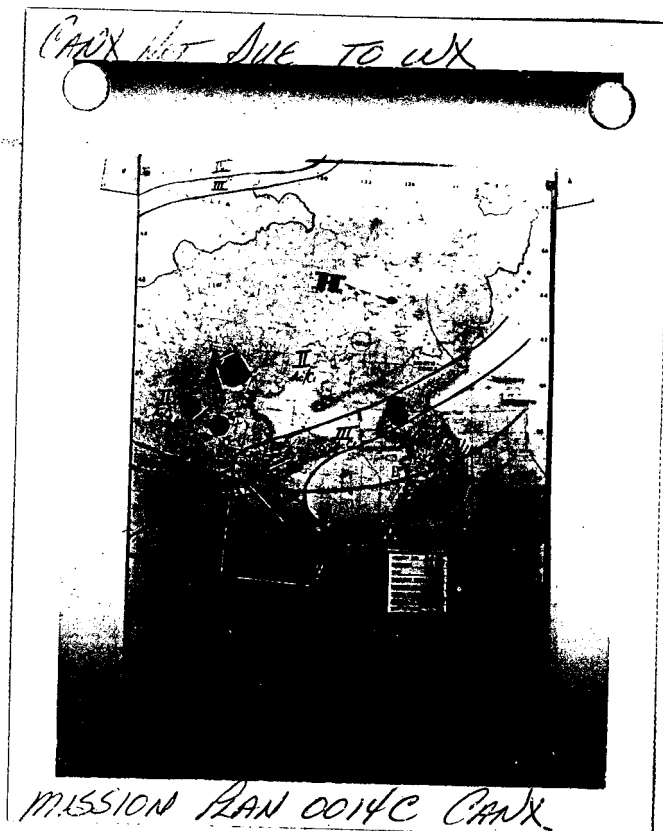
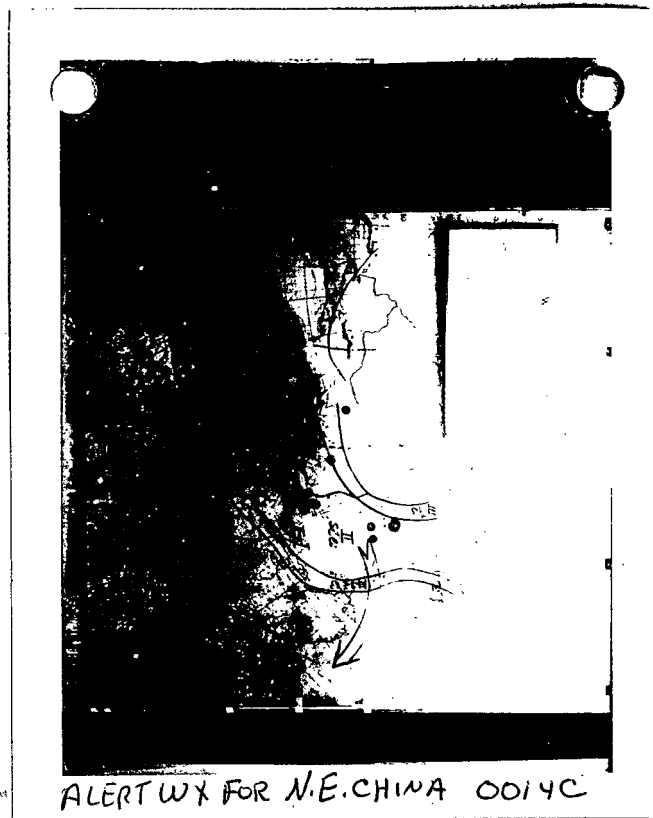
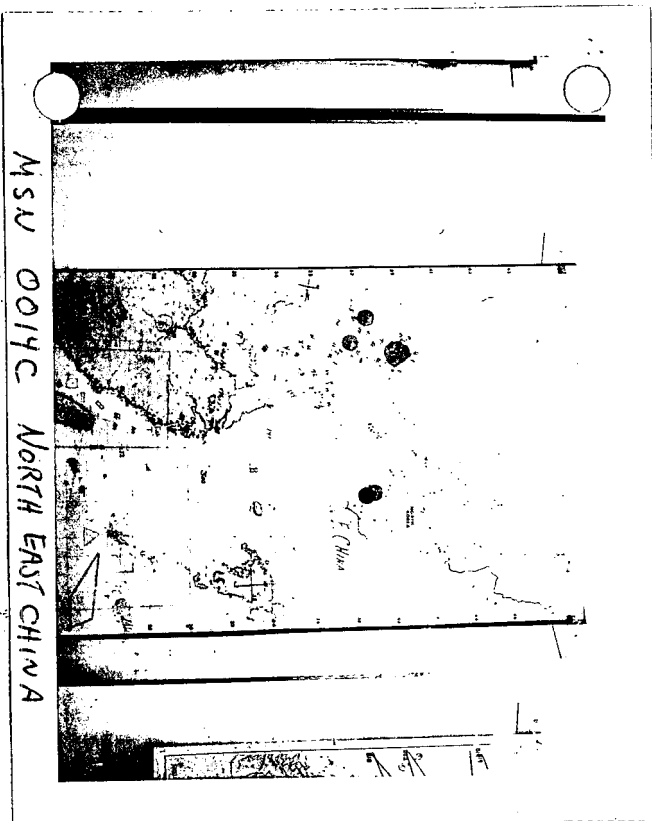
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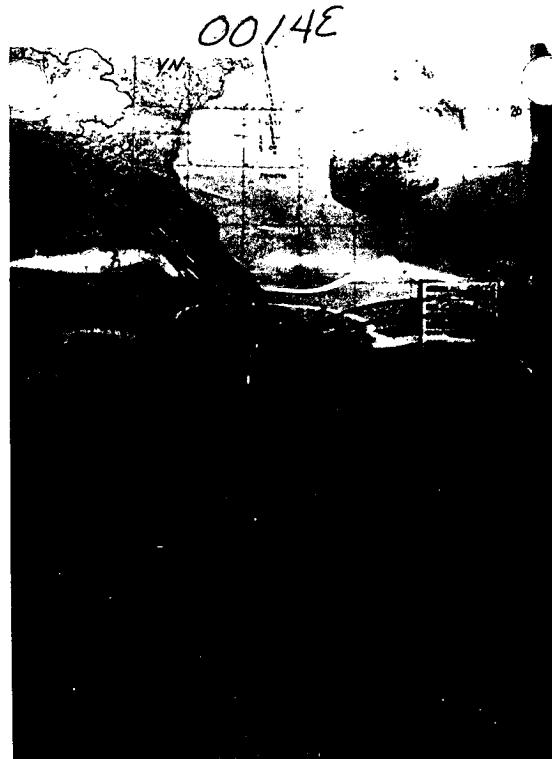
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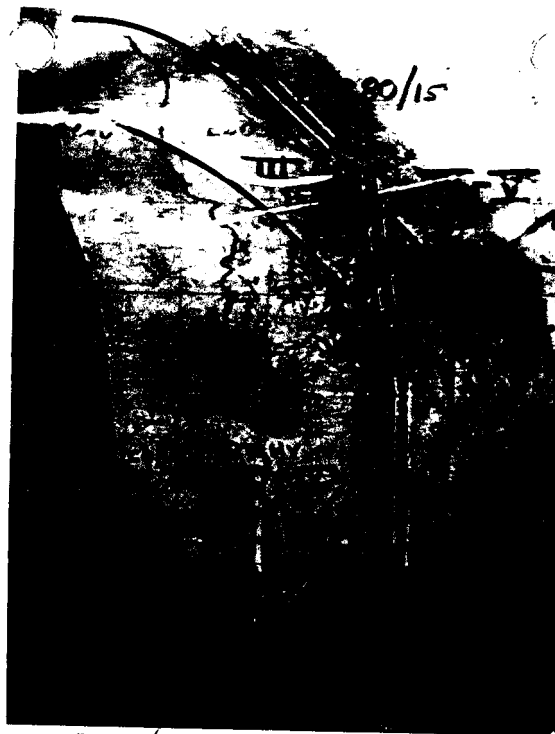
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